

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2005, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration. In the Office Action, claims 16-25 were rejected. By this amendment, new claims 26-28 have been added. Accordingly, claims 16-28 are pending in this application.

Rejection of Claims 16-25

Claims 16-25 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,772.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 16-25 is moot and should be withdrawn.

New Claims

Claims 26-28 have been added to further define applicants' contribution to the art. No new matter has been added.

Based on the foregoing, applicants respectfully assert that claims 16-28 are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

In the event the Patent Office deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this matter, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7835.

Please charge any fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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